(ख) यदि नही, तो उसके क्या कारण है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस बात से अवगत है कि महाराष्ट्र राज्य के विदर्भ और मराठवाडा क्षेत्र आर्थिक दृष्टि से सबसे पिछड़े हुए क्षेत्र हैं और यदि हां, तो इन क्षेत्रों के आर्थिक विकास के लिये सरकार ने क्या योजना बनाई है ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने दो साल पहले केन्द्रीय सरकार का संविधान की धारा 371 (2) के अतर्गत राज्य विकास बोर्ड के गठन के लिये अपनी कोई सिफारिश भेजी थी ; और यदि हां, तो क्या उस पर कोई निर्णय लिया जा चुका है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) योजना आयोग में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के भोतर पिछड़े क्षेत्रों का विकास संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र का उत्तरदायित्व है, इसलिए पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र के लिए उच्चाधिकार प्राप्त समिति के पैट्रन पर किसी समिति का गठन करने का प्रश्न उत्पन्न नही होता ।

(ग) विदर्भ और मराठवाडा-महाराष्ट्र राज्य के अपेक्षाकृत पिछड़े क्षेत्रो मे है । राज्य सरकार ने अपने सातवीं योजनाओ में इन क्षेत्रों के लिए सड़कों के विकास, सिंचाई, ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण, सामान्य और तकनीकी शिक्षा, श्रम और श्रमिक कल्याण, स्वास्थ्य सेवाओ, जल आपूर्ति, भूमि विकास और भू-संरक्षण और पशु चिकित्सा सेवाओं के कार्यक्रम शामिल किए हैं ।

(घ) और (ङ) जी, हा । राज्य सरकार के परामर्श से इस मामले मे कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

Conversation in Hindi with foreign dignitaries

*353. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the diplomats, Ministers and Ministerial delegations have been directed to converse in Hindi with foreign dignitaries abroad, to project there a proper image of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian delegates at UNO have also been directed to use Hindi in UNO for the same reasons; and

(c) if so, whether the same directive be applicable in conversation with foreign dignitaries in India?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A circular letter was sent to all Missions requesting them to advise/persuade members of Indian delegations going abroad to make use of Hindi, to the extent considered practical and expedient, during discussions with their counterparts Ministry of External Affairs will provide facilities for interpretation. These instructions will apply, to the extent practical and expedient when foreign dignitaries visit India These gudelines are purely advisory.

Counterfeit coins in Delhi

*354. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gang making counterfeit Coins of Rupees 100 denomination, has been uncarthed in Delhi recently; and

(b) the details of action taken against the persons who were found responsible in this regard and whether any arrests have been made?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case under section 243 IPC has been registered at the Police Station Kalkaji and 2 persons have been arrested

Criteria for telecasting of Hindi feature films

*355 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what criteria have been laid down for telecasting Hindi feature films on the Doordarshan for the first time, as well as for the second time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): Hindi feature films for telecast on Doordarshan are selected on the basis of the following broad criteria

(a) International/National/State Awards won,

(b) Thematic Value,

(c) Cinematic Value,

(d) Entertainment Value;

(e) Year of Production;

(f) Number of times the film was shown on TV and by which Kendra, and

(g) Suitability for family viewing.

Normally feature films are not re-telecast on Doordarshan However, Doordarshan may re-telecast films of high artistic and entertainment value after a period of three years has lapsed since their first telecast

Warning by Punjab Police regarding attack on General Vaidya

*356 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in 'India Today' of 31st August, 1986 to the effect that Punjab Police had warned the Central Government at least four times about an attack on General Vaidya and other key officers involved in Operation Blue Star,

(b) if so, what action was taken each time when the warning was received, and

(c) whether Mrs Vaidya has described the security arrangements for General Vaidya as inadquate and careless?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) and (b) Government have seen the report No such information was furnished by the Government of Punjab.

(c) Government have seen reports to this effect in some newspapers.

Catchment areas covered by Social Forestry in Meghalaya

*357 SHRI JERLIE E TARIANG: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the catchment areas in Meghalaya where comprehensive soil conservation measures had been taken up during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the names of aforestation areas covered by Social Forestry in Meghalaya during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) The information is given in statement I and II (*See* below). The Social Forestry Programme generally covered the entire state during the Sixth Five Year Plan period.